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SUBJ: SITREP: CAIRO 1515 LOCAL

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- 1. CAIRO INT AIRPORT WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1400 ZULU TO 0400 ZULU. TIMES CORRESPONDS TO CAIRO CURFEW (1600-0600 LOCAL) TRAVELLERS ARE ALREADY (AT 1500 LOCAL, 1300 ZULE) BEING TURNED BACK FROM AIRPORT GATES.
- 2. PARTICULARLY SERIOUS RIOTING NOW OCCURRING IN ZAMALAK NEAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OLD OMAR KHAYAM HOTEL. ON OBSERVER NOTED CARS BEING OVERTURNED, WINDOWS BEING SMASHED AND MOB BEATING SOME INDIVIDUALS WHO, OBSERVER THOUGHT, MIGHT BE FOREIGNERS. TEAR GAS BEING USED IN QUANTITY BY SECURITY FORCES IN THAT AREA AND BRIDGE FROM EAST BANK TO OMAR KHAYAM IN ZAMALAK CLOSED.

3. WE HAVE CONFIRMED FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES EARLIER RADIO

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL CURFEW IN CAIRO AND ITS SUBURBS FROM 1600 TO 0600.

- 4. AT 1300 LOCAL, TV AND RADIO ANNOUNCED THAT PEOPLES ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE WILL MEET NORNING JAN 20 TO DISUCSS PRESIDENTIAL DECREE RESCINDING GOE'S ECONOMIC MEASURES OF PREVIOUS DAY (REFTEL).
- 5. MININT HAS ADVISED US THAT IT IS "TOO LATE" TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL PASSES FOR USE IN CURFEW HOURS AND ADVISED THAT EMBASSY EMPOYEES SHOULD NOT RPT NOT MOVE AFTER 1600.

6 COMMENT: PRESIDENTIAL DECREE CANCELLING PRIMIN'S ECONOMIC MEASURES RAISES QUESTION OF WHETHER CABINET CAN SURVIVE. EFEN IF PRIMIN SALIM, WHO CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH GOE BUDGE, REMAINS IN OFFICE, QUESTION ARISES WHETHER DEPRIMIN QAYSUNI AND HIS ECONOMIC MINISTERS WILL REMAIN IN CABINET. PRESIENTIAL ACTION DOES NOT RPT NOT AUGER WELL FOR GOE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY BROAD SACLE IMF REFORMS.

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